

Appl. No. 09/960,234
Amdt. dated January 7, 2005
Reply to Office Action of July 9, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Although neither agreeing nor acquiescing with the Examiner's characterization of the specification or claims, in the interests of speedy prosecution Applicants are abandoning this application in favor of a divisional application, filed on even date herewith, to more closely focus on commercially important claims.

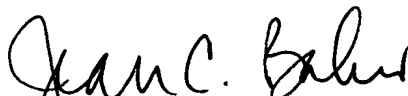
Applicants enclose a Petition and Fee for Three Months Extension of Time. No other fees are believed necessary to enter this amendment. However, if any other fees are necessary please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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